

Information Sheet
Maintenance of Grass, Weeds and Noxious Growth
On Occupied and Vacant Lots
Chapter 22, Article IV and Chapter 9

General

It is the duty and responsibility of property owners to keep all grass, weeds and noxious growths cut or clipped as specified herein. Except as noted, all lots should be cut not to exceed six (6) inches in height. Also trees and shrubbery that overhang city streets or sidewalks must be trimmed to a height of eight (8) feet so that they do not brush passing vehicles or pedestrians.

Maximum Height Allowed For Grass, Weeds and Noxious Growth

1. Any lots adjacent to residentially zoned property that are greater than three acres in size shall have the first 50 feet on all sides cut, clipped or controlled by chemical means to ensure that such growths do not exceed six (6) inches in height. The remaining portion of the lot must not exceed twelve (12) inches in height. (22-163)
2. Notwithstanding the above, if it is in the best interest of the City to preserve woodlands and forest lands in their natural state the height requirements indicated above shall not apply, except upon a determination by the City that such lots or portions thereof constitute an imminent threat to the health, safety and welfare of the community. (22-163)
3. All trees, shrubs, and other landscaping shall be properly maintained to remain in a healthy growth state and any dead growth shall be removed. Any vegetation, including native and/or wild vegetation in lawn areas or adjacent to a building or structure, that is so overgrown or lacking maintenance as to be unsightly to neighboring property or not in character with the neighborhood or, potentially, because of size and lack of maintenance, shall be removed or trimmed. (Sec 22-166)
4. Lawn areas that are not properly planted and maintained to prevent soil erosion, excessive dust or mud, or the accumulation of stagnant water. (Sec 9-65)

Abating Code Violations

1. The City dispatches a Legal Notice to the property owner to cut all weeds, grass or noxious growths that are in violation within ten (10) days from the date of the letter.
2. If the owner fails to comply with the Notice, the City will have the violation corrected and record a Notice of Lien against the property for all costs incurred to correct the violation plus a one hundred dollar(\$100) administrative fee for each lot cut.
3. In addition to recording a lien for cost against the property, the property owner is subject to a fine levied by a municipal court judge. Each day the violation continues constitutes a separate offense.

Any conflict between information contained in this Information Sheet and the City Ordinance will be resolved in favor of the City Ordinance.

For Additional Information Contact Code Compliance at 757-7263.